



On July 24, 2017, petitioner filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Motion for Fees, ECF No. 41. Petitioner requests attorneys' fees in the amount of \$17,174.00 and attorneys' costs in the amount of \$9,137.35, for a total amount of \$26,311.35. Motion for Fees, Ex. A, at 16-17. Petitioner filed supplemental documentation in support of her requested costs on August 8, 2017. ECF No. 42. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner filed a signed affidavit affirming that petitioner did not incur any out of pocket expenses. ECF No. 42.

On August 10, 2017, respondent filed a response to petitioners' Motion for Fees. Response, ECF No. 43. Respondent provided no specific objection to the amount requested or hours worked, but instead, "respectfully recommend[ed] that the Special Master exercise her discretion and determine a reasonable award for attorneys' fees and costs." *Id.* at 3. Petitioner did not file a reply.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of "reasonable attorneys' fees" and "other costs." § 15(e)(1). Based on the reasonableness of petitioner's request, the undersigned GRANTS petitioner's motion for attorneys' fees and costs.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, the undersigned **awards the total of \$26,311.35,**<sup>4</sup> representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees in the amount of \$17,174.00 and costs in the amount of \$9,137.35, in the form of a check made payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Erin Juzapavicus, Esq. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this Decision.<sup>5</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/ Mindy Michaels Roth**  
Mindy Michaels Roth  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> I have made no determination as to counsel's hourly rate in this matter; I merely conclude that the total sums requested seem reasonable and appropriate.

<sup>4</sup> This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, "advanced costs" as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, § 15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. *See generally Beck v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs.*, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.